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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Enclosed is an English translation of the specification, claims, abstract and drawings for examination.

The English specification has been amended for clarification and to cross-reference to the priority application.

Note that there is a typographical error in the title on the Declaration/Power of Attorney, namely, the word "Blocked" should read -- Locked --.

Please cancel the existing claims and enter the new claims, 14-26, for examination. Early allowance is requested.

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